

Why Give Money to Missionary Work Among the Negroes?

PROVIDENCE especially points the Southern people to this work. The missionary problem is here reversed; instead of having to send missionaries to the heathen, the heathen have been brought to us.

Patriotism should inspire us to contribute something to relieve the South of the blight and burden of a backward race. The Negro needs the plain, simple gospel, such as he heard in slavery times in the white churches. As we cannot now bring him into our churches, we can train and send to him good preachers.

The Golden Rule demands that all believers should pass on the blessings of the gospel to others. Why look everywhere on earth for the needy man and overlook the Negro at our door? There is no "color line" about the cross of Jesus Christ.

The need of the Negro is incredible. He needs a decent home, kind parents, regular habits, industrial training, religious instruction, uplifting influences, sensible friends, almost everything that makes decent life possible. These things made us

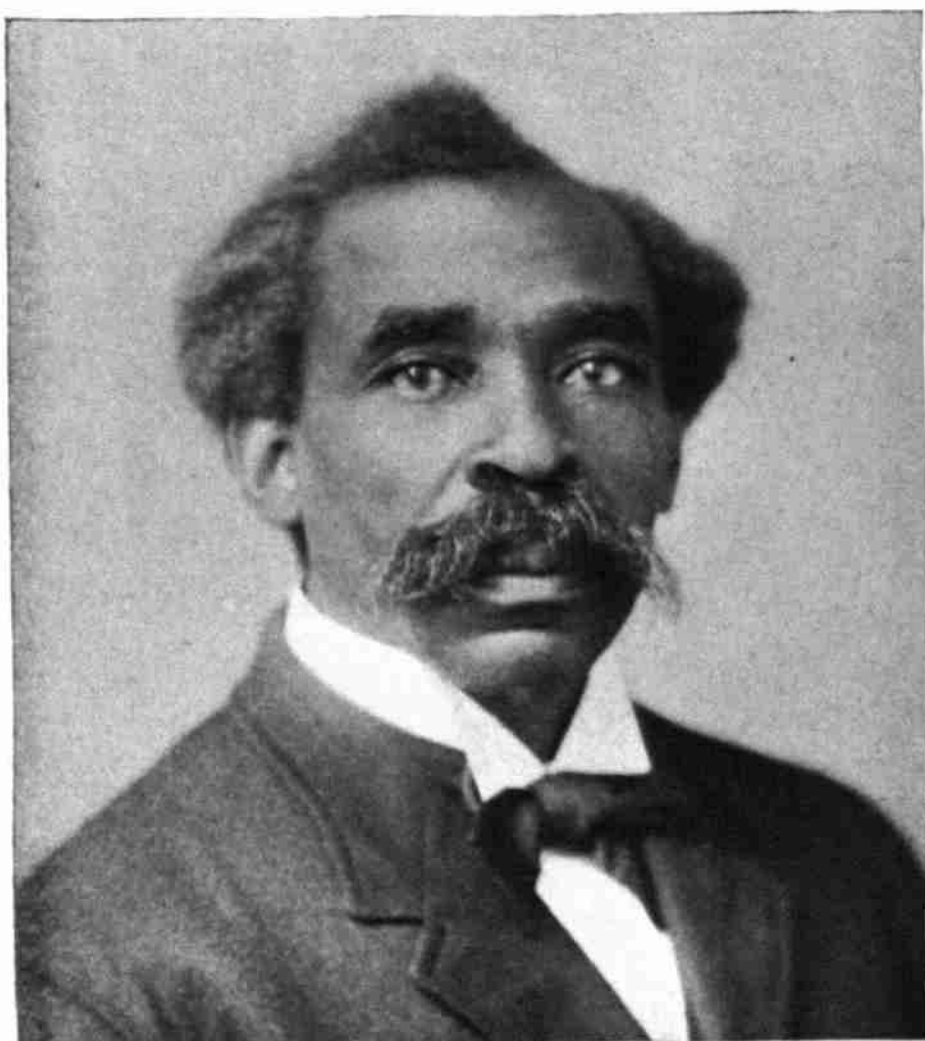
what we are. In helping the Negro, we help ourselves. Religion is the basis of law and order. To instruct religiously is the sole object of this agency of the church.

Race pride should rescue us from our indifference to the fate of the Negro. We hear much of race hatred. It creates "race problems" everywhere. Not one of them can be solved. They can only be rendered harmless by the display of a noble helpfulness by the superior race.

Success in the small efforts we have made to help civilize and christianize the Negro should encourage us to a larger endeavor. About eighty preachers have been trained at Stillman Institute. Sixty of these are Presbyterian. We have 65 Negro churches, 2,500 members, 2,000 Sunday-school scholars.

The drift towards a chaos of hatred between the races should awaken the Christian conscience, and urge us to adopt the only policy that leads toward peace and happiness in our land. Says the *Atlanta Constitution*: "The sending of missionaries to Africa is a noble work. But there are ten million Africans in this country, with minds in a half plastic state, waiting for the ministrations of the white men they know and trust."

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Founded in 1881 by the present president, Rev. Emory W. Williams, who was born a slave, and who learned to read in 1866, when he was one of a colony of thirteen Negroes sent to Lewiston, Me., by the Freedmen's Bureau. The school is fostered by the Southern Presbyterian Church. It also has Northern friends. Annual expenses, \$5,000, secured mostly from board and tuition. Six teachers, 136 pupils in 1907. The charter contemplates a Theological Department.